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MANUFACTURING METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR RAPID PRODUCTION

OF HEARING-AID SHELLS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sirs:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment before examining the present application.

In the Specification:

At page 20, line 25, please delete "Both points are specified" and substitute - Both points are typically specified - therefor.

At page 21, line 12, please delete "then preferred" and substitute – then performed – therefor.

At page 28, line 15, please delete "tube is specified" and substitute – tube is typically specified - therefor.

Respectfully submitted,

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